

### ABSTRACT

A bodily fluid sampling device includes a support member that defines an aperture to receive a bodily fluid sample and a cover member. A test strip is compressed between the support member and the cover member to form an embossed pillow within the aperture. The embossed pillow is adapted to absorb the bodily fluid sample. The test strip has an incision surrounding the embossed pillow to minimize leakage of the bodily fluid sample from the embossed pillow. The support member can further include a blade that surrounds the aperture to form the incision around the embossed pillow.